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00MRA0427**REMARKS**

Applicant has now amended this application to restrict the claims down to Claims 9-11. Claim 9 requires all of what was required by Claim 1, but in addition, the evaluation unit also communicates with the position sensor "for determining the position of a component of said vehicle for optimizing vehicle loading." Dependent Claim 10 makes clear that the component is an axle, and dependent Claim 11 makes clear that the component is a kingpin.

The prior art references which the examiner has utilized to reject Claim 9 include the Baker and Stephenson patents. Neither of these patents make any determination with regard to the position of any component on the vehicle, and certainly not the axle or the kingpin. As such, independent Claim 9, and certainly dependent Claims 10 and 11 define around this art.

By understanding the position of the axle or the kingpin, the present invention is able to better evaluate the location of the load on the vehicle, and also make recommendations as to adjustment of the axle position. The prior art simply cannot meet the claims as amended. Allowance of all claims is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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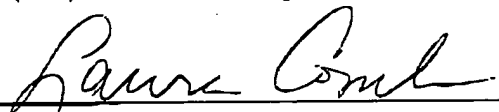
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